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About i month since (ytli December) James Maxwell, Earl of Morton, the Scottish King's Lieutenant General, was slam in pursuing the Lord Johnston to arrest him according to the King's warrant, and the Catholics make much note of his death

Not many years since, the Earl of Morton, though he was a Catholic, had been persuaded to sign the articles expressing conformity and directed against the Catholic religion But at 12 o'clock that day,being alone in his room, an an^ol appeared to him in the form of a youth who said, * My Lord, do not as your kinsmen would persuade you , for if you do you shall lose the hand with which you sign, and your days shall end with shameful death' Moved by this appeal, the Earl again put on the gold crucifix and an *aqnni dti* which he used to wear round his neck, but had taken off when he abandoned his former professions He then told the principal kinsmen who had persuaded him to sign how remorseful he was for his error, and what the angel had told him , and in order that God's mercy might for ever be remembered by his house, he added to h'$ arms the figure of an angel He refused also to sign the articles declaring himself an enemy of the mmistcis

But after a time he was greatly moved by his Lnsmen, and the King himself made him many offers, creating him Jus Lieutenant General, so that at last he gave way and signed the articles But shortly afterwards going to arrest the Lord Johnston with 5000 soldiers he met with the end the angel foretold him

For when he came up the Lord Johnston, taking advantage of the ground, had posted 600 horsemen in three

sqnadrons in a triangle at some little distance from each other The Earl of Morton's regiment entering into their midst, Lord Johnston and his men who were on one side threw themselves with such fury upon the Earl's men that they broke and fled , ind the Lord Johnston, reaching the Earl, at the first blow smote off hib right hand, and at the second cut off a leg Then being t tirown from his horse, the Earl was cut into a thousand pieces

The Catholics also say that the Lord Claud Hamilton, against his conscience and at the persuasion of his wife and her brothers, had also subscribed to please the King and the